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SUBJECT: UN ISSUES: COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT

1. DURING A CONVERSATION APRIL 12 WITH YUGOSLAV DCM, BAKER (IO) MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH RESPECT TO US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS IN THE UN:

-- WE WELCOME GOOD OVERALL US-YUGOSLAV TIES AND CONSIDER THEM IMPORTANT BUT REGRET THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE NOT AS GOOD AS THEY SHOULD BE IN THE UN.

-- YUGOSLAVIA IS SEEKING US ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS OWN SECURITY. WE ASSUME IT CLAIMS A RIGHT TO SEEK OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF FORCES SHOULD IT
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NEED TO DO SO. IT HAS DEFENDED THIS RIGHT FOR THE MPLA,

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WHICH AT THE TIME IT SOUGHT OUTSIDE HELP WAS NOT EVEN
A RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT. WHY DOES IT NOT RECOGNIZE A
SIMILAR RIGHT FOR SOUTH KOREA? YUGOSLAV ASSERTION
THAT ROK IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT AND YUGOSLAV
SUPPORT OF CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS PRESENT
AT ROK INVITATIONAREOUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY AND
OFFENSIVE TO THE UNITED STATES.

-- BEST CONTRIBUTION YUGOSLAVIA COULD MAKE ON KOREAN
ISSUE IS TO URGE NORTH KOREANS, IF THEY ARE AS PEACEFULLY
MOTIVATED AS YUGOSLAVS CLAIM, TO TAKE UP EXISTING
OFFERS TO TALK. THIS WOULD BE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE
COURSE THAN CONFRONTATION IN UNGA OR ON KOREAN PENINSULA.

-- US LOOKS FOR YUGOSLAV CONSIDERATION OF FACT THAT
PUERTO RICO IS AN ISSUE IN US DOMESTIC JURISDICTION
AND NO LONGER A UN MATTER. WE WILL CONSIDER EMERGENCE
OF THIS ISSUE AT COLOMBO SUMMIT OR AT UN AS INTERFERENCE
IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

-- US WAS CONCERNED AT PRESS REPORTS THAT YUGOSLAVIA
HAD CHANGED POSITION AND WAS PREPARING TO SUPPORT
SYRIAN PROPOSAL FOR SUSPENSION OF ISRAELI AT UNGA
IN FALL. OUR CONTACTS IN FSFA STATE THAT YUGOSLAVIA
POSITION ON THIS MATTER HAS NOT CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR.
WE STRONGLY HOPE THIS WILL REMAIN THE CASE.

2. YUGOSLAVIA DCM ABSORBED THESE POINTS WITHOUT
PARTICULAR ARGUMENT EXCEPT FOR ISSUE OF KOREA ON WHICH
PRO NORTH KOREAN YUGOSLAV POSITION WAS STRONGLY
APPARENT IN HIS REMARKS. HE COMMENTED ON ACTIVE
YUGOSLAV ROLE IN PREPARATIONS FOR NAM SUMMIT IN COLOMBO,
NOTING RECENT MEETING IN TUNIS, TITO-SADAT EXCHANGE,
AND UPCOMING NAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING AT
FONMIN LEVEL IN ALGIERS IN MAY. FROM HIS REMARKS, IT
WAS CLEAR THAT POLITICAL ISSUES WOULD HAVE FIRST
PLACE ON AGENDA BEING PREPARED FOR COLOMBO. KISSINGER

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